








Texas Department of
Family and Protective Services

CHILDREN WITHOUT PLACEMENT AGENCY EFFORTS

PRIORITY	GOAL	ACTIONS
 CARE	Augment the structure and staffing of DFPS Supervision sites, providing an environment that incentivizes positive youth behaviors while prioritizing the safety of both youth and caseworkers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pilot in Regions 6 & 7 targeted at behavior modification for youth to establish added structure, youth incentives, and staff responsibilities Additional staff training for pilot participants, including de-escalation techniques Hiring dedicated positions Increased temporary staffing Law enforcement engagement Clinical coordinators to support with caseworker tasks when a child/youth is in DFPS Supervision Policy updates to support staff wellbeing by limiting the number of DFPS Supervision shifts allowable Trafficking assessment Missing youth searches
 CAPACITY	Enhance the capacity and stability of kinship and licensed placements while streamlining DFPS placement processes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualified Residential Treatment Program (Q RTP), Intensive Psychiatric Stabilization Program, and Treatment Family Foster Care expansion Temporary Emergency Placement expansion Placement process improvement and additional staffing Emergency Shelter Partnership Training for staff regarding engaging kin and placement with kinship. Developing strategies to increase 1st placements with kinship Updating kinship policies to strengthen kinship practices Expanded and flexible Kinship spending
 SERVICES	Support programs and services to meet the specific needs of youth in DFPS Supervision, with a focus on preparing older youth for successful transitions to independence and self-sufficiency within appropriate placements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on services and support, such as preparation for adult living, housing, job opportunities, and other basic life skills Utilize behavioral health funding for youth crisis outreach and extended inpatient hospital support Partnering youth with mentor support Ensure every youth is referred for a Circle of Support Providing up to date mental health resources to staff through broadcasts and Job Aids Ensure therapeutic supports are scheduled for youth regardless of participation.
 DIVERSION	Implement actions to divert children and youth from entering state custody as appropriate through effective intervention strategies and alternative support systems, promoting family preservation and community-based solutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with HHSC to support access to behavioral health resources and additional funding to prevent removals as a result of refusal to accept parental responsibility Increased use of Alternative Response Increased use of Behavioral Health Resources Focus on least restrictive environment Partnership with Juvenile Justice Increased communication with psychiatric hospitals Emphasis on first placement with kinship
 WHAT'S NEXT?	Statewide Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DFPS Temporary Housing Implementation Plan Convening of State Agencies and Stakeholders Provider Clinical and Programmatic Support

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12-4-23 Show Cause Hearing

Updated November 21, 2023

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Blue - Complete

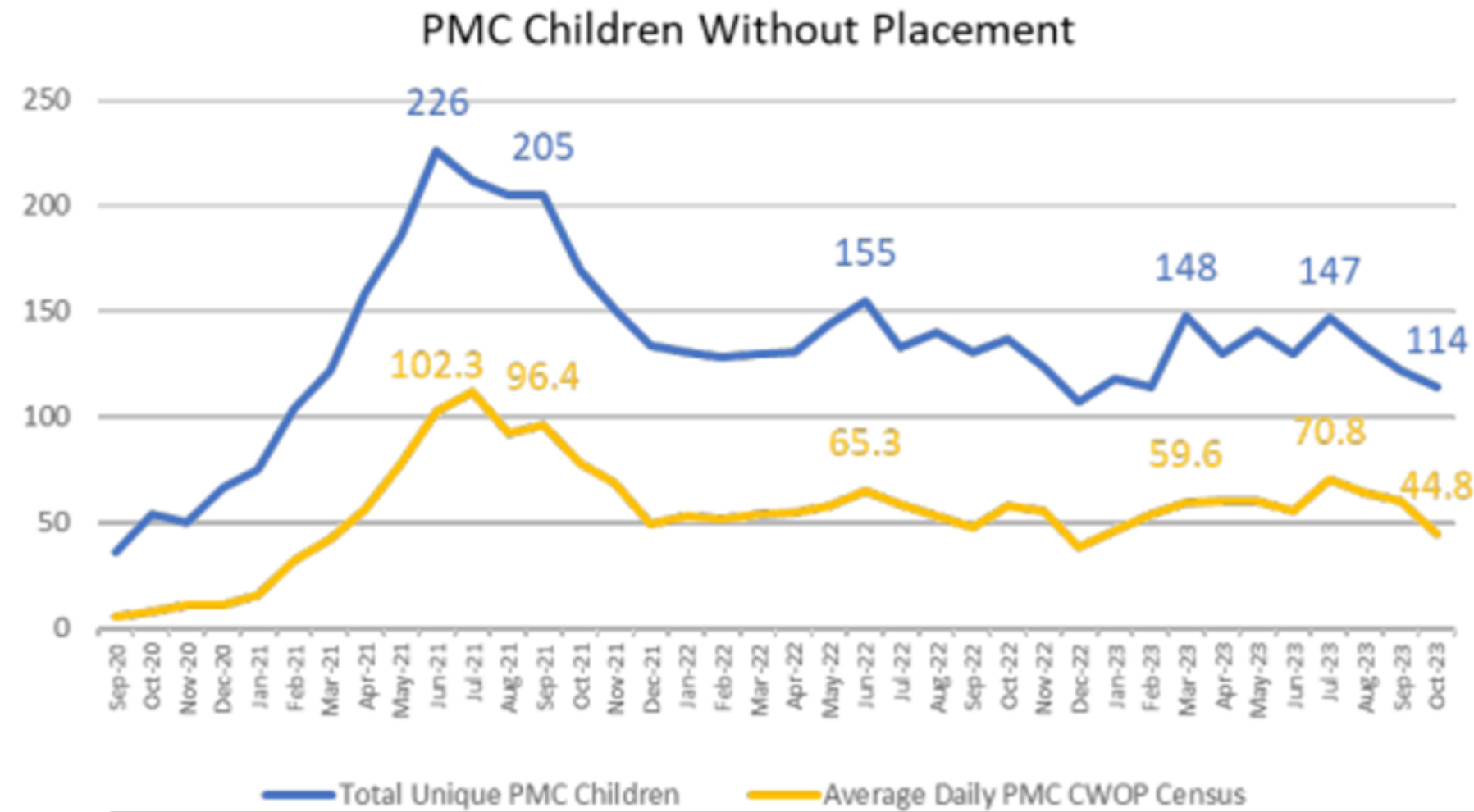
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Children Without Placement Data

As of November 21st, there were 43 youth who met the definition of a child without placement in permanent managing conservatorship.



Age of Children Without Placement

October 2023

N=192 events



29%

Of all children who had a CWOP event in October had been in conservatorship for less than one year

40%

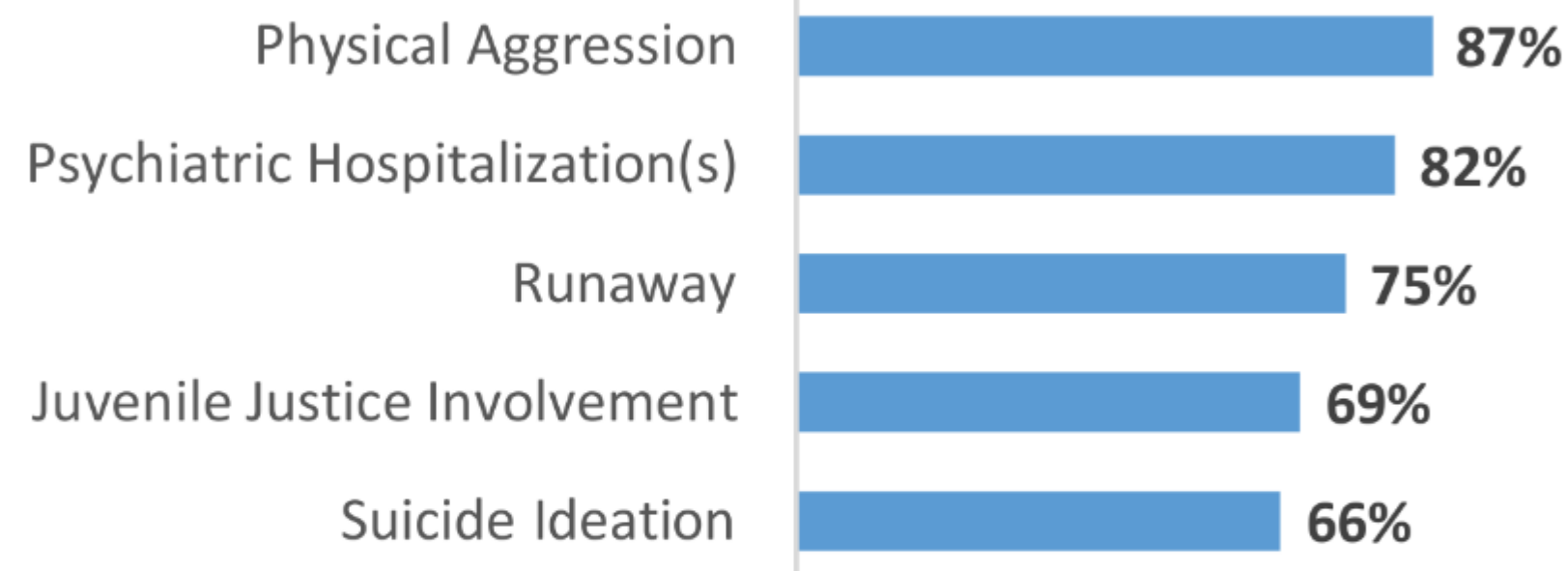
Of all children who had a CWOP event in October were removed due to Refusal to Accept Parental Responsibility

Top 5 Child Characteristics/Needs

October 2023

N=192 events

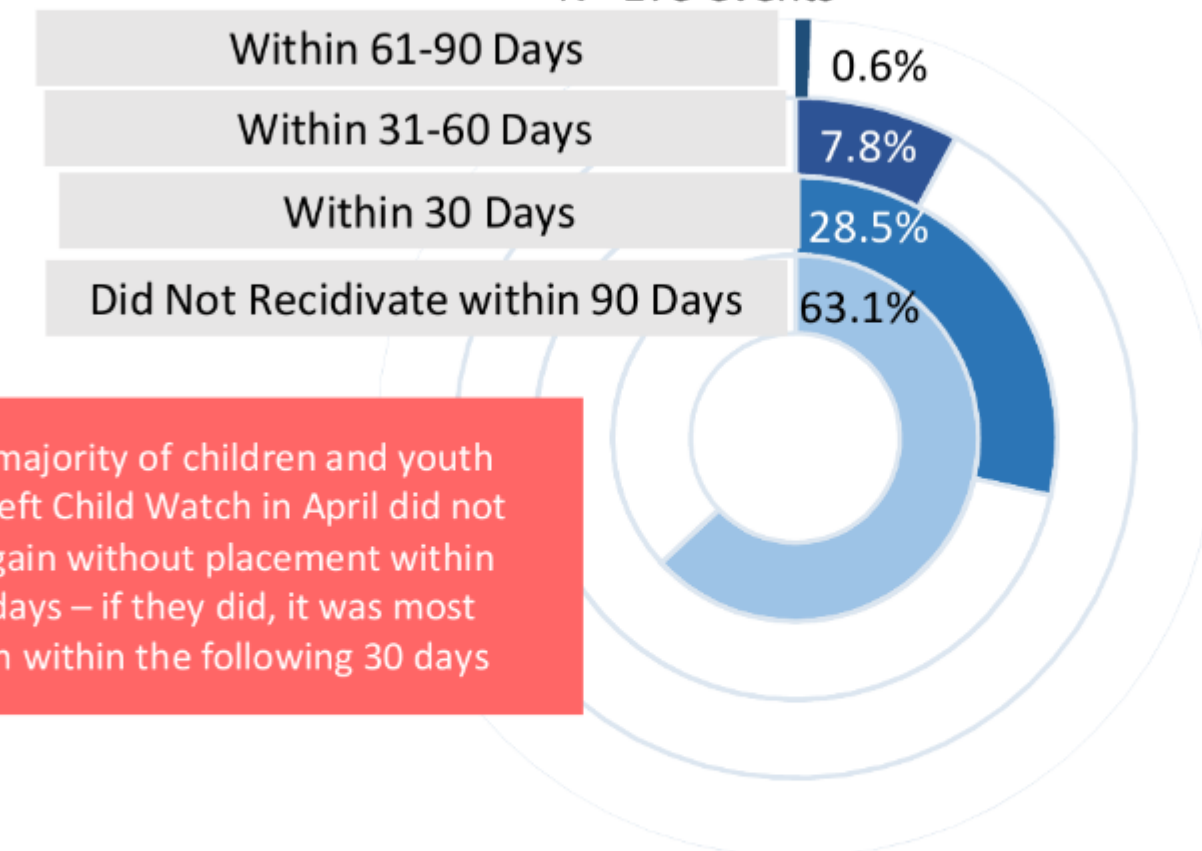
Children without placement have complex needs



Subsequent CWOP Event for CWOP Events

Ending in July 2023

N= 179 events



The majority of children and youth who left Child Watch in April did not go again without placement within 90 days – if they did, it was most often within the following 30 days

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